

**(24) Research**

The term “research” means development projects and studies relating to the production (including the feeding of sheep), processing, distribution, or use of sheep or sheep products to encourage, expand, improve, or make more efficient the marketing of sheep or sheep products.

**(25) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(26) Sheep**

The term “sheep” means ovine animals of any age, including lambs.

**(27) Sheep products**

The term “sheep products” means products produced, in whole or in part, from sheep, including wool and products containing wool fiber.

**(28) State**

The term “State” means each of the 50 States.

**(29) Unit**

The term “unit” means each State, group of States, or class designation that is represented on the Board.

**(30) United States**

The term “United States” means the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

**(31) Wool**

The term “wool” means the fiber from the fleece of a sheep.

**(32) Wool products**

The term “wool products” means products produced, in whole or in part, from wool and products containing wool fiber.

(Pub. L. 103–407, § 3, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4211.)

**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the United States Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury, including functions of the Secretary of the Treasury relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 203(1), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 7103. Issuance and amendment of orders**

**(a) In general**

Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall issue orders under this chapter applicable to producers, feeders, importers, handlers, and purchasers of sheep and sheep products. Any order shall be national in scope. Not more than 1 order shall be in effect under this chapter at any 1 time.

**(b) Procedure**

**(1) Proposal or request for issuance**

The Secretary may propose the issuance of an order under this chapter, or an association of producers may request the issuance of, and submit a proposal for, an order.

**(2) Notice and comment concerning proposed order**

Not later than 60 days after the receipt of a request and proposal for an order under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall publish a proposed order and give due notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed order.

**(3) Issuance of orders**

After notice and opportunity for public comment are given as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall issue an order, taking into consideration the comments received, that includes provisions necessary to ensure that the order is in conformity with this chapter. The order shall be issued not later than 180 days following publication of the proposed order.

**(4) Referendum**

The order shall go into effect only if the order is approved by producers, feeders, and importers in a referendum conducted under section 7105 of this title.

**(c) Amendments**

The Secretary, from time to time, may amend any order issued under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 103–407, § 4, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4213.)

**§ 7104. Required terms in orders**

**(a) In general**

An order issued under this chapter shall contain the terms and conditions specified in this section.

**(b) Establishment and membership of Board**

**(1) In general**

The order shall provide for the establishment of, and appointment of members to, a National Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Board to administer the order. Members of the Board shall be appointed by the Secretary from nominations provided in accordance with this subsection. The cumulative number of seats on the Board shall be 120 and shall be apportioned as follows:

**(A) Producers**

Producers shall be appointed to the Board to represent States, with each State represented by the following number of members:

Alabama .....	1
Alaska .....	1
Arizona .....	1
Arkansas .....	1
California .....	5
Colorado .....	4
Connecticut .....	1
Delaware .....	1
Florida .....	1
Georgia .....	1
Hawaii .....	1
Idaho .....	2
Illinois .....	1
Indiana .....	1
Iowa .....	2
Kansas .....	1
Kentucky .....	1
Louisiana .....	1